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SUBJ: BANZER SEEKS MILITARY SUPPORT FOR MARITIME
NEGOTIATIONS

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1. PRESIDENT HUGO BANZER SUAREZ REPORTEDLY WILL
CAMPAIGN EXTENSIVELY FOR BOLIVIAN MILITARY
ENDORSEMENT OF HIS NEGOTIATIONS WITH CHILE.
THE LA PAZ MORNING DAILY HOY REPORTED THAT
BANZER AND MEMBERS OF THE JOINT COMMAND OF THE
ARMED FORCES HELD A PROLONGED MEETING IN
COCHABAMBA DECEMBER 22 WITH LEADERS OF THE ARMY'S
SEVENTH DIVISION. MINISTER OF CAMPESINO AFFAIRS
AND OF INDUSTRY VISITED WITH CIVIL AUTHORITIES
THE SAME DAY.

2. THE SAME NEWSPAPER NOTED THE PRESIDENT'S
INTENTION TO TOUR ALL DEPARTMENTS OF BOLIVIA
FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH EVERY MILITARY GARRISON
COMMAND. THE PRESIDENT PROPOSES TO DISCUSS
WITH EACH MILITARY GROUP THE FIRST PHASE OF THE
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NEGOTIATIONS WITH CHILE OVER BOLVIA'S ACCESS TO THE

SEA.

3. COMMENT: THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO
BOLIVIAN (SUNDAY (REFTEL) RECEIVED FAVORABLE
PRESS TREATMENT AND WIDESPREAD SUPPORT. HE
OBVIOUSLY INTENDS TO MAINTAIN HIS MOMENTUM AND
TO ENSURE MILITARY BACKING FOR THE
TERRITORIAL COMPENSATION ISSUE THROUGH DETAILED
TALKS WITH OFFICERS AT ALL LEVELS OF THE ARMED
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